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25X1 [redacted] Room 1047,

14 June 1954

I Building

25X1 Evacuation Officer [redacted]

Report and Critique of Air Raid Drill 14 June 1954

1. The following is a narrative account of the functioning of the Air Raid Drill as applied to Building [redacted]

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a. The Assistant Deputy Chief Building Warden received notification of the Yellow Alert from the Building Guard in [redacted] at 9:20 A. M.

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25X1 b. The Chief Building Warden was alerted by telephone by the Chief Building Warden of Curie Hall at 9:23 A. M. Mr. [redacted] the Curie Hall Warden stated his alert was late because the warning light system had not functioned. He further stated he was alerted by telephone from I Building.

c. By 9:38 A. M. all key Building Warden Organization personnel had been notified either by telephone or in person, furthermore, key personnel concerned with emergency planning action were also alerted. Had telephone lines not been in use this could have been accomplished faster.

25X1 d. The building horn did not function for the Red Alert, however, Civil Defense sirens were audible. The first official indication received [redacted] that the Red Alert was on was via the guard system, and whistle. Official notification via telephone was received from Curie Hall at 10:05 A.M.

e. All personnel were evacuated in an orderly fashion to the shelter area by approximately 10:08 A.M. The All Clear was sounded on the horn at 10:14 A.M., and further official notification was received via telephone at 10:14:30 A.M.

f. The Security Patrol personnel who checked [redacted] stated that no security violations were noted, and offered no criticism of the manner in which the evacuation was accomplished.

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2. The following critique is offered:

a. Once again the Red Alert failed to function in the prescribed manner. It is considered imperative that this condition be corrected.

b. There appears to be a contradiction of instructions to Building Warden Organization personnel, and members of the Security Check Team concerning the operation of air conditioners, and other ventilating equipment. It has been my understanding that such items are to remain in operation during the period between the Red Alert and the White Alert. The Security Check Team advises that it is their understanding that such items are not to operate. This matter should be clarified and appropriate instructions issued to all concerned.

c. Because no items of first aid equipment or light rescue equipment have been issued it was impossible to carry out any exercises involving these teams. It is believed to be a matter of urgent concern that such items be made available to this and all other buildings as soon as possible.

d. Current instructions requiring personnel to be evacuated to shelter areas in temporary buildings are considered to be highly questionable in light of an anticipated attack by atomic or hydrogen bombs. It is believed that the Agency should reconsider the present evacuation policy and develop as soon as possible appropriate and realistic modifications to this plan.

3. A question has been raised as to whether smoking should be permitted in Air Raid Shelters during the period separating the Red and White Alert. An official ruling by the Safety Officer on this problem would be appreciated.

Evacuation Officer

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